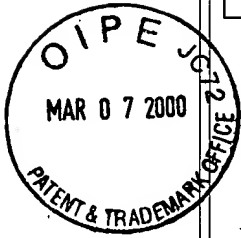


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Prior to calculating the claims fee, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, please delete lines 7-11 setting forth cross-references to related applications and substitute therefor the following -- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/892,403, filed July 15, 1997; which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/047,634, filed May 23, 1997; 60/046,141, filed May 9, 1997; and 60/021,773, filed July 15, 1996. --